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NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 7:30 PM AT PATRIOTIC HALL

OCTOBER MEETING AT PATRIOTIC HALL

The October Club meeting will again be held in the Roosevelt Room of Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa in downtown Los Angeles.

The speaker will be Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, ARRL Southwestern Division Director. Fried will show video tapes including an interview with Don Wallace made less than a year ago.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET AT PROUD BIRD

The Club's annual Christmas Banquet will be held at the Proud Bird on the second Thursday in December. Cocktails will be available at 6 PM and dinner at 7:30 PM. A reservation form will be included in next month's Bulletin.

1986 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

Mark your calendars, the 1986 International DX Convention will take place April 18, 19, and 20 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Visalia.

CQ WW DX CONTESTS

All SCDXC members are encouraged to participate in the CQ WW DX Contests. The Phone Contest is Oct. 26-27 and the CW Contest is Nov. 23-24. A contest log and summary sheet is enclosed. Copy more as needed. Information on filling out and mailing your entry in next month's Bulletin.

OCTOBER PROPAGATION FORECAST

Courtesy of CQ Magazine.
AHLBD-Above,High,Low,Below,Disturb

1-H	8-H	15-H	22-H	29-L
2-B	9-A	16-L	23-L	30-L
3-L	10-L	17-L	24-B	31-A
4-A	11-B	18-B	25-L	
5-H	12-B	19-B	26-L	
6-L	13-L	20-L	27-B	
7-L	14-L	21-H	28-B	

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE BELL, W6AQ

Congratulations to Dave Bell, W6AQ, winner of the EMMY AWARD for best Drama, Comedy Special. Dave was the executive producer of "Do You Remember Love" a TV movie about a woman suffering from Alzheimer's disease and starring Joanne Woodward.

FCC ACTS FAVORABLY ON PRB-1

In an FCC news release dated September 18, FCC announced favorable action on PRB-1, the ARRL's request for declaratory ruling preempting local antenna ordinances. FCC declared a limited preemption over state and local regulations, stating that such regulations which preclude amateur radio communications are in direct conflict with federal objectives and must be preempted. FCC declared that local antenna regulations must reasonably accommodate amateur radio communications and represent the minimum practicable regulations to accomplish the purpose of the local authority.

MINUTES OF THE SEP. 12 MEETING
By Chris Williams KG6AR Secretary

The meeting was again held at Patriotic Hall and was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Marty, N6VI.

N6DKP won the first Monthly Activity Award. Marty was presented with the President's Gavel.

Ken Andrew from Tektronix brought in a spectrum analyzer and two TS-930S transceivers were checked out with good results.

Prizes were won by W6MDH, W6GC, N2DHZ, N6LVD, and W6SP.

THANKS TO K6YRA AND HRO VAN NUYS

The Club thanks HRO, Van Nuys, and Al Friedman, K6YRA, for participation in the procurement of prizes for the September raffle program.

DX REPORT FROM JIM SMITH, P29JS

HEARD ISLAND. The good news is that the A.N.A.R.E. expedition to Heard Island is on and should depart Australia on the 16th of September this year. Some 16 people will be on the Island and due to the unusual time of the year much interest is being shown in a seal count. Maximum numbers of seals are expected to be ashore. As you may remember a more normal time slot is the summer months. However the availability of the Nella Dan is the factor involved.

I made application on behalf of Kirsti and myself to accompany the group and I was quite hopeful initially. However it was not to be and it is understandable since the demand for berths on such expeditions is always very high. I spoke to Col Christiansen the other day on the telephone and he is the radio tech accompanying the expedition. Col is VK2BCC and has operated from Antarctica previously. He indicated to me that he hoped to take a rig but did not anticipate too much activity. We shall see what happens in due course. However it will take a little more than a bit of wet string to give a few a chance at Heard Island, and it would take just a bit of effort and dedication to at least try.

SAO TOME. The good news is that Luis, S92LB, continues to be active most days on 14184 or thereabout at around 2100 UTC.

MALI REPUBLIC. There is activity from this rarish spot at the moment in the shape of Franz TZ6FE and Dianne TZ6FS. The QSL route is via DL4BC and word is that the QSL comes by return mail.

GUINEA BISSEAU. J5WAD is reported active on 20M and has been on 14170 at around 2100 UTC.

KERMADEC ISLAND. Chris should be more or less active by the time you read this as he is transferred to Raoul on duty. Starting October he will sign ZM8OY until the end of the year. Otherwise it will be ZL8OY.

SOUTH YEMEN. 6W1HB/70 has been reported active from this very rare DXCC COUNTRY. I would imagine that quite a few would need this one. Whether Alain has permission suitable for DXCC is not known. However if he is in 70 I don't think he would risk operating without some sort of permission.

PETER 1 ISLAND. Talk is that there is possibility of a short operation from this area late this year. The operator being mentioned is JF1IST who would have 24 hours on the island and have to dump all gear on departure. Makes one think really.

TURKEY. TA1E continues to be very active and is often on the various nets. QSL to P.O. Box 794 Istanbul, Turkey.

MALAWAI. Les, 7Q7LW, is reported active again on 14220 at 1900 UTC. He is also reported to be active again on 40M CW.

15M. Here in P29 Land there has been a couple of good openings on 21 Mhz to Europe and the pile up was tremendous. Signals were not so strong and plenty of 5/3 and 5/5 reports were exchanged. The opening closed almost as quickly as it had started.

10M. I return to a moan of mine which I referred to recently and it is the take over of the 10M Band by the CBers of JAPAN. The other night there they were up as high as 28585 Khz but not a single JA call amongst them. I hope we are going to be able to recover the band in a couple of years time.

So that is about it, pickings have been very lean to be sure and we are not at the bottom of the sun spot cycle yet, things will get worse before they get better. Cheer up the QSOs are still there to be made just come a little harder these days. Best wishes from Papua New Guinea.

YASME DX-PEDITION GOES FORTH AGAIN

The YASME DX Foundation is happy to announce that Lloyd Colvin, W6KG, and Iris Colvin, W6QL, are leaving for South Africa and plan to be operating as W6KG/ZS early in October. They will operate there through the CQ WW DX Phone Contest, 26-27 October 1985, and then travel to various nearby countries, operating half SSB and half CW in each country, for a period of about three weeks each.

Although they do not guarantee it, Iris and Lloyd hope to visit and operate in ZS3, A2, 7P, 3D6, S8, ZE, 7Q, 9J, and possibly CR8; returning to the US in April 1986.

As usual, all QSLs go to the YASME Foundation, P.O. Box 2025, Castro Valley, CA 94546. All YASME QSLs have always been answered promptly. The recent Clipperton Island, FO8XX, QSLs were delayed by the fact that the individual operators wanted a special QSL and it took them longer than anticipated to make up the blank QSLs.

COMING DX ATTRACTIONS

EA9 MELILLA. W9GW/EA9 October 17-22 from the Spanish enclave.

HC8 GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. HC8X CQ WW by 24 operators October 21-29.

SV5 RHODES. SV0DV/SV5 all band CW October 3-7. QSL via WB4TDB.

S9 SAO TOME. October 8-22 all band op by DK9KX, DF3KX, and DJ9ON.

ZK3 TOKELAU ISLANDS. All band/mode by ZL1AMO October 16 for a month.

5W WESTERN SAMOA. October 10-12 by ZL1AMO perhaps as 5W1CW.

9Q ZAIRE. 9Q5MA by PA0GAM October 2-10 all band, mostly CW.

CONTINUING DX ATTRACTIONS

A2 BOTSWANA. A22BW on 7030 from 0330. QSL via DK5KD.

FK NEW CALEDONIA. FK8CR near 3785 from 0645. QSL via F6EWK.

TU IVORY COAST. K1CTK/TU2 near 14185 every day from 2000. QSL CBA.

YK SYRIA. OE7RKH/YK 40 and 80 CW from 0001. QSL to home CBA.

8Q MALDIVE ISLANDS. 8Q7ITU near 14183 from 1230. QSL via DK3ZD.

902 MHZ AMATEUR BAND OPENED

Acting on PR Docket 84-960, FCC has announced the availability of 902 to 928 MHz for use by all radio amateurs above the Novice Class, effective at 0001 UTC September 28, 1985. Amateurs use of the new band must be on a secondary, non-interference basis. See QST for further details.

BOOK DESCRIBES GROUNDING METHODS

An interesting book called "Getting Down To Earth" describes good grounding techniques. The book is available from Biddle Instruments, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

HEARD ISLAND REPORT AVAILABLE

"The Official Report of an Amateur Radio Scientific Study and Mountaineering Expedition Heard Island 1983" is now available for $10 from Jim Smith, P29JS, P.O. Box 515, Konedobu, Papua New Guinea.

HEARD ISLAND ODYSSEY

Kirsti Jenkins Smith has written a book, "Heard Island Odyssey," which tells the human side of the many problems which arose during the voyage of the CHEYNES II to Heard Island. Send your check for $14.45 made payable to HIDI-"Y" C/O P.O. Box 90, Norfolk Island, Australia 2899. The price includes airmail return postage.

SOME CE0AA QSL CARDS AT W6 BUREAU

Some CE0AA QSL cards have arrived at the W6 Bureau. Every DXer should have envelopes at the Bureau.

COMING CONTESTS WITH DX INTEREST

Oct 5- 6	VK/ZL/Oceania SSB
Oct 12-13	VK/ZL/Oceania CW
Oct 13	RSGB 21/28 MHz Phone
Oct 20	RSGB 21 MHz CW
Oct 26-27	CQ WW DX Phone Contest
Nov 23-24	CQ WW DX CW Contest
Dec 7- 9	ARRL 160 Meter CW
Dec 14-15	ARRL 10 Meter Contest

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE EXAMS

The Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group has scheduled radio license examination sessions at many times and places in California. These examinations are administered at no charge to the examinee. For information regarding the VEC program, phone 818-762-5095 (10 AM - 6 PM) or 818-892-2068 (after 6 PM), or via Compuserve User Number 76012,3455.

RUSSIAN PREFIX AND OBLAST LIST

A new Russian Prefix and Oblast List is available from VE3HO. This eight page list is available for $1 and an address label (envelope will be supplied). This very useful list may be ordered from: Garth Hamilton, VE3HO, P.O. Box 1156, Fonthill, Hamilton, Ontario L8S 1E0 Canada.

PRIBILOF ISLANDS NOT ADDED TO DXCC LIST

The ARRL Awards Committee met on September 17 to consider the country status of the Pribilof Islands. The matter was referred to the Awards Committee by the DX Advisory Committee which had recommended addition to the list by a 9 to 7 vote. After many hours of studying the voluminous documentation and two hours of in-person deliberation, the Awards Committee unanimously VOTED (7-0) that the Pribiloff Islands NOT be added to the DXCC Countries List.

In reviewing Rule 2(a) of the Countries List Criteria, the Awards Committee concluded that the first sentence was operative in making measurements: "Islands situated off shore from their governing area must be geographically separated by a minimum of 225 miles of open water." Since the Aleutian Islands are indeed a part of the "governing area" of Alaska, and since the Pribilofs are less than 225 miles from the Aleutians, the Committee failed to see how they would qualify for separate status. The Committee further determined, through examination of precedent and evolution of the wording of the criteria over some 40 years of the DXCC, that the "mainland" reference in 2(a) only pertains to what situations the rule applies.

The Awards Committee meeting was chaired by Technical Department Manager Charles Hutchinson, K8CH, upon the request of Committee Chairman John Lindholm, W1XX. Lindholm had authored the staff white paper requested by the DXAC as to the history of DXCC Countries List Criterion 2(a) interpretations. This 26-page document had concluded that the Pribilofs do not qualify under the existing criteria. So as to not prejudice the Pribilofs from being given every consideration, Lindholm also excused himself from voting, in favor of an alternate. DXCC Manager Donald Search, W3AZD, did not vote as prescribed by Committee rules.